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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 18, 2005

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This is in response to the final Office Action mailed October 18, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application (for which a Response and Request for Continued Examination pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114 were filed on January 3, 2006) and is further to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) mailed January 11, 2006. This Response is being submitted within the shortened statutory period set for response in the Office Action to correct compliance issues with the Response filed on January 3, 2006. A separate Reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment is being filed concurrently herewith.

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AMENDMENTS

Please amend the application, without prejudice, as follows.

Listing of Claims/Amendments to Claims begin on page 3 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Response.